# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HOME AFFAIRS
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2221
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FREEDOM FIGHTERS PENSION
GANTA SRINIVASA RAO;GUNIPATI RAMAIAH

**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

(a) the rate of decrease in disbursements of Freedom Fighters Pension during the last five years;

(b) whether the freedom fighters drawing pension currently are over 90 years of age;

(c) if so, the facts in this regard; and

(d) the time by which the Government expect the said scheme to come to a close?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a): The expenditure incurred during the last five years on `Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension Scheme` is indicated below:

| Year | Amount spent (Rupees in crores) |
|---|---|
| 1997-98 | 177.52 |
| 1998-99 | 180.67 |
| 1999-00 | 198.43 |
| 2000-01 | 237.62 |
| 2001-02 | 192.87 |

It will be observed from above that there has been increase in the disbursement of pension except in the year 2001-02

(b) & (c): This Ministry does not maintain age wise statistics of living freedom fighters separately.

(d): The Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension Scheme will come to a close only when all freedom fighters or their eligible dependants who are sanctioned pension, cease to draw pension after their demise